(d) the reasons for which the policy parameters of 1987 Drug Policy have been abandoned ;

(e) whether it is a fact that Government are deliberately refusing to act to benefit the producers ; and

(f) what was the whole-sale price index of medicines in 1986-87 and what it is now and what are the drugs and medicines covered under whole-sale price index at present ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) to (e) The issues pertaining to exclusion/inclusion of drugs and other related matters have already been discussed on 18th, 19th and 23rd August 1993 in the House. Based thereon, the exercise regarding Review of Drug Policy 1986 is now in an advanced stage of finalisation and final decisions are expected to be taken soon.

(f) Whole-sale price index of Drugs & Medicines as on 13-11-1993 are as under (Base 1981-82 = 100).

	Year 1986	Year 1993 (as on 13-11-93)	%Increase
Drugs & Medicines	121.1	186.50	54.00

The list of Drugs and Medicines covered under the Whole-sale Price Index is enclosed in the statement

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Drugs & Medicines

Vitamin tablets
(A, B, C, D & Others)
Vitamin capsules
Vitamin liquids
Chloramphenicol
Penicillin (Vials, tablets & other pdts.)
Streptomycin (Vials & other products)
Tetracyclin (In capsules vials & others)
Powders/granules other than vitamin)
Liquid oral other than vitamin
Liquid injectable other than vitamin
Capsule other than
Vitamin & antibiotics
Tablets except vitamin
& penicillin
Ointments
Syrup
Drugs & Pharmaceuticals
n.e.c.
Ayurvedic Medicines liquid

Proposals for Development of Trivandrum International Airport

*6. SHRI M. A. BABY : Will the MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state :

(a) the proposals being considered for the development of Trivandrum International Airport to international standards and the financial allocation for the same and the time-frame for the completion of each scheme ;

(b) the present state of the Nedempasserry Airport construction at Ernakulam district and the details regarding financial resources for the project from various sources ; and

(c) the proposals for the improvement and development of Calicut airport and the allocation being made by Government ?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD) : (a) Development of the International Airport at Trivandrum is a continuing process and is taken up in a phased manner, depending upon projected requirements and availability of resources.

International Airports Authority of India (IAAI) strengthening of runway, extension of apron etc., at a cost of over Rs. 18 crores, Besides, it is proposed to install a state of the art Radar at a cost of Rs. 28 crores and Doppler Very High Omni Range at a cost of Rs. 87 lakhs.

(b) The site for construction of a new airport at Nedumbasheri (Cochin) has been identified and surveyed. in area of 1500 acres of land is required for the project. A Consultant for preparation of detailed project report has been appointed. The cost of the project which can be firmed up after preparation of the detailed project report, is expected to be financed mostly from contributions of Non-Resident Indians. A Society under the Chairmanship of Chief Minister of Kerala has been registered for taking up the project.

(c) The airport at Calicut is being developed as a model airport. National Airport Authority is providing a new block at the terminal building to cater to international passengers at an estimated cost of Rs. 6 crores. At a meeting with the Chief Minister and officials of the State Government of Kerala, it has been decided that resources required for extension of the runway for handling of wide-bodied planes at the airport would be financed by contributions of the public including Non-Resident Indians. A Society to be set up by the State Government would undertake the responsibility of mobilising the resources and providing the funds to the National Airport Authority as interest free advance to be repaid out of the earnings of the airport.

Process of Assessing the Liabilities in Respect of Drug Companies

*7. SMT. SATYA BAHIN:

SHRI RAINI RANJAN SAHU:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that process of assessing the liabilities have been discontinued in order to oblige the drug companies.

(b) what are the names of the companies against which liabilities under Para 7(2) of DPCO, 1979 or even otherwise are yet to be assessed;

(c) whether it is a fact that the progress of assessing the liabilities is nil; and

(d) who is responsible for this state of affairs and what steps have been taken to expedite the process of assessing the liabilities ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO):

(a) and (c) No Sir.

(b) and (d) Liabilities in 68 cases amounting to Rs. 254.58 crores have been worked out and have been communicated to the companies, the details of which are given in the enclosed statement (*See* below) Steps have been taken to recover the amount and an amount of Rs. 18.27 crores has been recovered. Recovery of about Rs. 174.00 crores is involved in the proceedings before the Courts/Orders of the Courts.

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Assessment of liabilities against Companies and recovery of dues from them

(Rs. in lakhs)

A. SUPREME COURT CASE COMPANIES				
1.	M/s. Cyanamid (I) Ltd. (Dimethylchlor Tetra-Cycline & Formulations)	Upto Oct. 83	490.47	100.00
		1984—87	830.05	
		TOTAL	1320.52	
2.	M/s. Hoechst (I) Ltd. (Baralgon Kahone, PMT, Frusemide Phaniramine Maleate, Glybenclamide & Formulations)	Upto Dec. 83	2491.05	312.10
		1984—87	5289.75	
		TOTAL	7780.80	